A short Catechisme for little children learned by one at three yeares of age?

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Matth.7.13.

Enter in at the ſtraite gate, for it is the wide gate, and broade way that leadeth to deſtruction, and manie therebe which goe in thereat.

14. Becauſe the gate it ſtraite, and the way narrowe that leadeth vnto life, and fewe there be that finde it.

Iohn.14.6.

Chriſt is the way, the truth, and the life, no man commeth to the Father but by me.

Pſal.119.9.

Wherewithall ſhall a yong man redreſſe his way? in taking heede according to thy worde.

Pſal.119.5.

Oh, that my wayes were directed to keepe thy ſtatutes.

¶ A a b c d e f g h i k l m n o p q r ꝛ ſ ſ t v u w x y z ſt. So be it.

A B C D E F G H I K L M N O P Q R S T U W X Y Z.

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In the name of the Father, and of the Sonne, and of the holy Ghost. Amen,

A ſhort Catechiſme for litle children, learned by one at three yeeres of age.

Father.

HOwe many Gods bee there?

Child.

One.

F. How many perſons be there?

C. Three.

F. Which be they?

C. The Father, the Sonne, and the holy Ghoſt.

F. Which of theſe is the greateſt?

C. They are all one.

F. Which of theſe became man, & died for you, and ſo redeemed you?

C. God the Sonne.

F. Who made you?

C. God the Father.

F. Who ſanctified you?

C. God the holie Ghoſt.

F a. Wherefore did God make you, redeeme you, and sanctifie you?

C. To set foorth his glorie.

F. Where must you learne to set forth Gods glorie?

C. Out of his will reuealed in his word.

F. How many parts be there of Gods will, reuealed in his worde?

C. Two.

F. Which be they?

C. The old Testament, and the newe.

F. What learne you chiefly by the olde Testament?

C. To knowe my sinnes, and to feare the punishment of them.

F. What learne you by the newe Testament?

C. To knowe Jesus Christ, and to beleue in his mercy promised vnto me.

F. Howe many commaundements be there in the olde Testament?

C. Ten.

F. In how many Tables be the tenne commaunde-

commandements conteyned?

C. In two.

F. How many commaundements bee there in the first Table?

C. Foure.

F. How many commaundements bee there in the second Table?

C. Sixe.

F. To whom doe the foure commaundements in the first table especially belong?

C. To God.

F. To whom do the commandements of the second table especially belong?

C. To my neighbour.

F. Rehearse the ten commandements?

C. God spake and sayd, &c.

F. Can you keepe any of these commaundements?

C. Nor.

F. What punishment hath God appointed for those that breake anie of these commaundements?

C. Hell, fire and damnation for euer.
F. Haue you deserued that punish-
ment?
C. Yea.
F. How can you escape it?
C. By faith in Iesus Christ.
F. What hath Christ done for you?
C. He hath taken vpō him all my ill, to
ridde me from hell, and he hath giuen
to mee all his good to bring mee to
heauen.
F. What will you do for him againe?
C. I will serue him and please him the
best that I can, all the dayes of my
life, by his grace, according to his
will reuealed in his worde.
F. How many Sacraments be there?
C. Two, and no more.
F. Which be they?
C. Baptisme, and the Lords Supper.
F. What is the meaning of water in
Baptisme?
C. As the water washeth the filthinesse
from

from my body, so the bloud of Christ washeth my sinnes from my soule.

F. What is the meaning of the bread and wine in the Lords Supper.

C. As the bread and wine nourisheth my bodie in this life: so the body and bloud of Christ nourisheth my soule to euerlasting life.

F. Howe manie partes be there of a Sacrament?

C. Two.

F. Which be they?

C. The outward signe, and the inward grace.

F. What is the outwarde signe in Baptisme?

C. Water.

F. What is the inward grace in Baptisme?

C. The bloud of Christ.

F. What be the outward signes in the Lordes Supper?

C. Bread and Wine.

F. What

F. What is the inwarde grace in the Lordes Supper?

C. The bodie and bloud of Chriſt.

F. Whither ſhall your bodie goe when you die.

C. To the graue.

F. Whither ſhall your ſoule go then?

C. To heauen.

F. When ſhall your bodie and ſoule be ioyned together againe?

C. At the day of iudgement.

F. What ſhall you doe at that day?

C. Liue with Chriſt in heauē for euer.

F. What ſhall you haue there?

C. All good things.

F. Whom ſhall you meete there?

C. Almightie God, and all his bleſſed Angels and Saints, or holie ones, as the Patriarkes, Abraham, Iſahac, Iacob, and Ioſeph: and the Prophets, as Eſaie, Ieremie, Ezechiel, and Daniel, with the Apoſtles and meſſengers of Chriſt, as Peter, Paul

Iames, and Iohn, and all other good men and women that euer liued and loued God, and kept his commaundements, with their children and childrens children, to the thoulande generations. Amen.

The ten Commandements of Almightie God.

The first Table.

THou shalt haue none other Gods but me.

ii. Thou shalt not make to thy selfe any grauen image, nor the likenesse of any thing that is in heauen aboue, nor in the earth beneath, nor in the water vnder the earth. Thou shalt not bow downe to them, nor worship them.

iii. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vaine.

iiii. Remember that thou keepe holy the Sabbath day.

The ten commandements.

The second Table.

v. Honour thy father and thy mother.

vi. Thou shalt do no murther.

vii. Thou shalt not commit adulterie.

viii. Thou shalt not steale.

ix. Thou shalt not beare falle witnesse against thy neighbour.

x. Thou shalt not couet thy neighbours house. Thou shalt not couet thy neighbours wife, nor his seruant, nor his maide, nor his oxe, nor his asse, nor any thing that is his.

The xii. articles of the Christian fayth.

I Beleeue in God the father almightie, maker of heauen and earth. And in Iesus Christ his onely Sonne our Lorde. Which was conceyued by the holy Ghost. Borne of the virgin Mary. Suffered vnder Ponce Pilate. Was

crucified.

crucified, dead and buried. Hee de-
scended into Hell, the thirde day hee
rose againe from the deade. Hee a-
scended into heauen, and sitteth at the
right hande of God the father almigh-
tie. From thence shall hee come to
iudge the quicke and the deade. I be-
leeue in the holy Ghost. The holy Ca-
tholike Church. The communion of
Saints. The forgiuenesse of sinnes.
The resurrection of the bodie. And the
life euerlasting. Amen.

The Lords prayer.

OUr Father which art in heauen, ha-
lowed bee thy name. Thy king-
dome come. Thy will be done in earth
as it is in heauen. Giue vs this day our
dayly bread. And forgiue vs our tres-
passes, as wee forgiue them that tres-
passe against vs. And lead vs not into
temptation. But deliuer vs from euill.
For thine is the kingdome, the power,

and

and glorie, for euer and euer, Amen.

The two Sacraments of Christs appointment.

The first Sacrament.

Math. 28. 16. THen the eleuen disciples went into Galile into a mountaine, where Iesus had appoynted them.

17 And when they sawe him, they worshipped him, but some doubted.

18 And Iesus came and spake vnto them, saying: All power is giuen vnto me in heauen and in earth.

19 Go therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and the Sonne, and the holie Ghost.

20 Teaching them to obserue all things whatsoeuer I haue cammaunded you: and lo, I am with you alway vntill the end of the world. Amen.

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Math.26.26. AND as they did eate Jesus tooke the bread, and when he had blessed, he brake it, and gaue it to the disciples, and sayd, Take, eate, this is my bodie.

27 Also hee tooke the cuppe, and when hee had giuen thankes, hee gaue it them, saying, Drinke ye all of it.

28 For this is my bloud of the newe Testament, that is shed for manie, for the remission of sinnes.

29 I say vnto you, that I will not drinke hencefoorth of this fruite of the Vine, vntill that day when I shall drinke it newe with you in my fathers kingdome.

30 And when they had sung a psalme they went out into ỹ mount of Olines.

An earnest exhortation of S. Paule, vnto holye zeale, godly wisedome, and comely order in the church of Christ.

Rom.12.1. I Beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies

of

of God, that yee giue vp your bodies a liuely Sacrifice, holy acceptable vnto God, which is your reasonable seruing of God.

2 And fashion not your selues like vnto this world, but be ye chaunged by the renuing of your minde, that ye may proue what that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God is.

3 For I say, through the grace that is giuen vnto mee, to euerie one that is among you, that no man presume to vnderstande about that which is meete to vnderstande, but that hee vnderstande according to sobrietie, as God hath dealt to euerie man the measure of faith.

4 For as we haue many members in one bodie, and all members haue not one office.

5 So we being manie, are one bodie in Christ, and euerie one anothers members.

6 Seeing

6 Seeing then that we haue giftes that are diuers, according to the grace that is giuen vnto vs, whether we haue prophecie, let vs prophecie, according to the proportion of faith.

7 Or an office, *Doctors*. Ephe. 4. 11. 1. Cor. 12. 8. let vs waite on the office, or he that teacheth on teaching.

8 Or he that exhorteth, *Pastors*. Act. 14. 23. Act. 20. 28. 1. Tim. 3. 1, &c. Tit. 1. 5. &c. on exhortation. He that distributeth, *Deacons*. Acts 6. 1. &c. 1. Tim. 3. 12. &c. let him doe it with simplicitie. He that ruleth, *Elders*. Mat. 18. 17. 18. Ihon. 20. 21. 22. 23. 1. Cor. 5. 3. 4. 5. 2. Thes. 3. 14. Act. 14. 23. Act. 20. 28. 1. Tim. 3. 1. &c. Tit. 1. 5. &c. 1. Tim. 5. 17. &c. with diligence. He that sheweth mercie, *Widowes*. 1. Tim. 5. 3. &c. and 9. 10. 16. &c. Rom. 16. 1. 2. 6. 12. Philip. 4. 3. &c. with cheerefulnesse.

8 Let loue be without dissimulation.

abhorre that which is euill, and cleaue vnto that which is good.

Healthfull counſaile concerning true obedience due to all right Biſhops and ſpirituall Fathers.

Heb. 13, 8. Remember thē which haue the ouerſight of you, which haue declared vnto you the worde of God, whoſe fayth follow, conſidering what hath beene the ende of their conuerſation, Ieſus Chriſt yeſterday, and to day, and the ſame alſo is for euer, &c.

17 Obey them that haue the ouerſight of you, and ſubmit your ſelues, for they watch for your ſoules, as they that muſt giue account, that they may doe it with ioy, and not with griefe, for that is vnprofitable for you.

Pſal. 131.

Healthfull co vnfaile.

Pſal. 131.

O Lord I am not puft vp minde,
I haue no ſcornefull eye:
I doe not exercile my ſelfe
In thinges that be to hie.
But as a childe that weaned is,
Euen from his mothers breaſt:
So haue I Lorde behaude my ſelfe,
In ſilence and in reſt.
O Iſrael truſt in the Lorde,
Let him bee all thy ſtay,
From this time forth for euermore,
From age to age I ſay.

A Fatherly aduice for litle yong children.

Pro. 3. 1. MY ſonne forget not my law: but let thine heart keepe my commaundements.

2 For they ſhal encreaſe the length of thy dayes, and the yeares of thy life, and thy proſperitie.

3 Let not mercie and truth forſake

thee: binde them on thy necke, and write them vppon the table of thine heart.

4 So shalt thou finde fauour and good vnderstanding in the sight of God and man.

Pro. 23.22. Obey thy father that hath begotten thee: and despise not thy mother when she is olde.

23 Buy the trueth, but sell it not: likewise wisedome, and instruction, and vnderstanding.

Eccle. 11.9. Reioyce, O yong man in thy youth, and let thine heart cheare thee in the dayes of thy youth, and walke in the wayes of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes, but know for all these things God will bring thee to iudgement.

10. Therefore take away griefe out of thine heart, and cause euill to departe from thy flesh, for childhoode and youth are vanitie.

Eccle.

Godly counsaile.

Eccle. 12. 1. Remember nowe thy Creator in the dayes of thy youth, whiles the euill dayes come not, nor the yeares approch, wherein thou shalt say, I haue no pleasure in them, &c.

Godly counsaile vnto fathers and mothers.

Pro. 22. 6. TEach a Childe in the trade of his way, and when hee is olde hee shall not depart from it.

Ephe. 6. 4. Ye fathers prouoke not your children to wrath, but bring them vp in instruction, and informations of the Lorde.

Pro. 11. A wise sonne maketh a glad father: but a foolish sonne is a heauinesse to his mother.

Pro. 23. 13. Withhold not correction from the childe, if thou smite him with the rod, he shall not die.

14 Thou shalt smite him with the rod,

rod, and shalt deliuer his soule from hell.

24 The father of the righteous shall greatly reioyce, and he that begetteth a wise childe shall haue ioy of him.

25 Thy father and thy mother shall bee glad, and shee that bare thee shall reioyce.

Eccle. 4. 13. Better is a poore and wise child, then an old and foolish king, which will no more be admonished.

14 For out of the prison hee commeth forth to reigne, when as he that is borne in his kingdom is made poore.

1. Cor. 2. 9. But as it is written, the things which eye hath not seene, nether eare hath heard, neyther came into mans heart are, which God hath prepared for them that loue him. Amen.

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